

BRO CERNYW COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
26TH JUNE 2024 AT 7:30PM
HELD AT PANDY TUDUR

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

1.1 All were welcomed by Clwyd Roberts (CR)

1.2 Present: Eimir Williams (EW), Ann Vaughan (AV), Myrddin Davies (MGD), Diane Roberts (DR), Sara Thomas (ST), Euros Williams (EUW), & Catrin Griffiths (Clerk, CWG)

1.3 Apologies: Austin Roberts (AR), Gwydion Jones (GJ), Jane Roberts (JR)

1.4 Absent - Mark Davies (MD)

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration.

3 MINUTES TO APPROVE 22ND MAY 2024

Proposed correct by MGD and seconded by EUW.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 AV noted that the grass had been cut in Glan Collen (item 8.1 on May meeting minutes) but that one of the flower tubs had been broken in the process. CWG was asked to send a message to AR to ask if the County Council will pay for the tub. Also noted that DR needed to contact her regarding the Betws yn Rhos toilets (item 12 on May meeting minutes).

4.2 First Aid Course – this was held during the month and was a very beneficial evening. Tomos Hughes was excellent at presenting the course and everyone was very grateful that the evening had been held. CWG received an email from a member of the public grateful that the course had taken place and wanted to know when the next would be held. CWG had replied that the course would be held annually and would be advertised through the usual channels. Tomos proposed during the evening to hold an agricultural first aid course over the summer funded by a grant. CWG had agreed on behalf of the council that we would like to hold the course in the locality but a suitable shed would need to be located. Councillors said that the shed at Pen Fron, Gwytherin would be suitable.

4.3 Defibrillator grant – CWG had been working on the policies passed by CR and with assistance during the first aid evening, everything has been completed to receive the money. Had received a form to receive the grant from Eryllt and this has been returned. The grant logo would need to be used on any marketing materials and on the defibrillator box if possible and another form will need to be completed at the end of the project. CWG is in contact with Ifan Rowlands of Conwy County Council to arrange a suitable location. CWG and CR to meet him.

4.4 Clerk Union – CWG had made enquiries and had found out about SLCC and ALCC. The ALCC has come back advising the membership fee is £50 a year. CWG is not keen to join and the councillors support her decision.

4.5 Audit – Still waiting for Iona to come back with an update following the information about the historical accruals. Mel ab Owain of Un Llais Cymru had confirmed during the month that the smaller councils do not need to worry about accruals, only if the turnover is over £100,000. CG asked CWG to have this on black and white from Mel. All the information needs to be presented for the full audit for the beginning of August. CWG asked for a list of the burials register from CR which is part of the audit.

[DR arrived]

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

6 COUNCIL MATTERS

None

7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

7.1 Skips – the licensing officer had been off work for three weeks, but when he made contact he apologised that there had been a misunderstanding and for the clerk to put in another application. CWG had told AR that Thorncliffe had put in another application for a licence and this should now be passed. A skip will go to Pandy Tudur on 1/7/24.

EW expressed frustration following a number of issues involving the skip in Gwytherin. Since the county council has stopped providing the service, the community council has had to hire these from a private company. Following a number of issues with this, once the skip was on site, fridges, freezers and a microwave were removed from the skips by Thorncliffe and left on the floor. A price of £330 was obtained from a private contractor to clear them. EW discussed with AR and a licence was obtained to take these to the recycling site in Abergele. Although the person on the phone at the council had said they accept trailers there, the attitude was very rude. Some items were accepted but there are still 3 items left to be disposed of. MGD said that the county council needed to be made aware of what impact their decisions have on the local communities. Decided that CWG should write a letter to the recycling department to raise all the issues experienced.

7.2 Glan Collen – grass has been cut.

7.2 Accident near Waterloo – a meeting was held with the chief highways officer about the fatal accident. He said that the council is holding an inspection of the road between Llanfair TH and Llangernyw and once complete, they will make an application for a grant from the Welsh Government for improvements. In the meantime, they have asked the police for bike safe signs on the road. AV said that she had been asking for such signs for over a year and there was still none up although an assessment of the road was carried out last year.

7.3 Road work between Rhydedden and Cefngroes Mawr – hopefully work will start either this week or next.

7.4 The A548 will be closed over the weekend near Ysgubor Newydd in order to install a new culvert.

7.5 Tŷ Du – not heard anything back yet from the County Council.

AV said that the hedges need to be cut around the road signs and that she had informed AR, these are due to be cut within the week.

8 MONITORY MATTERS

8.1 CWG - £7.79 envelopes and stamps cost from April

8.2 Backpay to April for CWG's increase in wages - $402.50 - 369.63 = £32.87$

8.3 A notice was received following the last meeting that the insurance is expiring and needed to be paid before this meeting. CWG had sent the information to everyone and 3 councillors agreed (none disagreeing) with paying the insurance therefore this was paid during the month in order to continue the policy.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

Had been sent to DR for information:

9.1 New Biodiversity Materials Launch from Un Llais Cymru

Sent to DR and CR:

9.2 New Local Development Plan – CDLLN Session – Special Town and Community Council Forum Meeting 12th June 6-8

Sent to CR:

9.3 Wales Independent Panel on Monetary Recognition – Town and Community Councils – Councillors Allowance

Sent to everyone for information:

9.4 Town and Community Council Engagement and Partnership

9.5 Free training – Conwy County Borough Council

9.6 Un Llais Cymru training dates for June, July, August and September

9.7 ULLC Response to government targets on environmental principles and diversity

9.8 Development Project Under Community Guidance – grant up to £10,000 in Conwy County
DR asked if it was possible to have a grant for the strip of grass near the tennis court. MGD said following a recent meeting that the school does not necessarily need it and that another department within the council would be responsible for it. Discussed if the community council is eligible to make an application. It may be possible thereafter to hold a consultation about what to do with the land. EW said if the community council can make an application then it could be part of the environment committee and biodiversity plan. One suggestion from DR about what to do with the land was to place beehives at the very end of the field, EUW noted that the school should be asked in case someone has an allergy.

9.9 Webinar: Guidance on Community Transport

9.10 New Conwy Council CDLL – powerpoint

9.11 Tidy Wales Awards 2024

9.12 Letter received from Mrs Lynda Kettle, Bryn Coroniaid asking if the council could consider purchasing another defibrillator in Llangernyw. CWG had responded by letter advising that the council had recently been successful in a grant application for this and that the funds would be released soon.

10 BILLS

10.1 Refund for CWG for the cost of the skips in Gwytherin - £258 and Pandy Tudur - £336, total = £594

10.2 Enlli translating - £95

10.3 Dei Evans cutting grass - £460

10.4 DR – refund for flowers - £16.50 + £16.50, total = £33

Agreed to pay all the above.

11 LOCAL MATTERS

ST – had a lot of plants free of charge from Wynnstay in Llanrwst and had planted these in Pandy Tudur and Gwytherin. Everyone was grateful and keen for CWG to write a thank you letter. There is a lot of grass around the tubs in Pandy Tudur therefore the tubs are not very visible. Passed that CWG should ask AR for the county council to cut the grass.

DR – complaint received that the new location for ashes burial in Llangernyw cemetery is not accessible. CR responded that this is the only available location as there is no guarantee that the land will not subside. DR will report this back. She said that slates and a piece of metal is loose on the old shop in Llangernyw. CWG to write to Mrs Mackeson-Sandbach expressing health and safety concern and that members of the community had raised this with the community council.

Decided to also send photos with the letter. CWG will need to check the land registry first to check ownership of the land and send the letter via 'recorded delivery'. The thorns across the path opposite Parc Aelas has overgrown and people have to step into the road to avoid it. CR said that the council is responsible for the bottom 1m of the hedge and the farmer is responsible above that. MGD asked if the council are going to cut around the road signs next week perhaps they could cut this hedge at the same time due to health and safety? If they do not agree to this then Kevin Roberts should be asked for a price to cut this. CWG to ask for a price and will share with everyone and proceed with the work. CWG will speak with Helen Wanklyn to explain what is going on.

AV – had received a complaint that the grass isn't collected around the gravestones. CR advised that this had been raised previously and that the price doubles if the grass is collected. EUW suggested putting up a sign to take care. Also, another complaint received that the land at the bottom of the cemetery left to nature looks untidy. Noted that the grass needed to be cut in the rock garden and decided to ask Dei to do this, AV to arrange. Also noted that the no dog fouling signs opposite Parc Aelas are not there anymore. CWG to ask AR for new ones.

12 NEXT MEETING

17th July 2024 at Llangernyw.

Meeting concluded at 20:55.

Minutes taken by CWG.